

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were pending in this application. The Applicant has canceled claims 1-29 and amended claim 30. Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of claim 30 now pending in this application is respectfully requested in view of the following.

A. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 102

Independent claims 1 -30 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cohen (U.S Pat. No. 6,074,299).

Cohen discloses an Internet based Web search contest. The Web search contest comprises a user computer (PC) 11 and a game server 13, a game participant uses the user computer searches a target Web site via the game server 13 including registration resource 21, clue, tracking resource 23 and administration resource 27. See Cohen, Fig. 1 and Fig. 2.

In contrast, the present invention discloses a game device played by a player outside of a hall and by a supporter inside the hall. A portable information terminal used by the player outside of the hall communicates to exchange game information with a personal computer used by the supporter in the hall.

The game server 13 in Cohen corresponds to the personal computer used by the supporter in the hall, and the game participant using the personal computer of Cohen corresponds to the portable information terminal used by the player outside of the hall in the present invention.

The personal computer used by a game participant retrieves information from Web servers for display on the display of the participant's personal computer. See Cohen, col. 4, lines 10-18. In Cohen, the game participant does not need to move while carrying the personal computer. On the other hands, the player in the present invention has to carry the portable information terminal, to outside of the hall. In view of this point, the present invention is different from Cohen. The present invention is constructed with a player and a supporter as the game participants, and the player bringing the portable information terminal

communicates to exchange a game information with the personal computer used by the supporter in the hall. Accordingly, Cohen fails to disclose or suggest all of the claimed elements as now recited in claim 30.

In addition, the plurality of personal computer used by game participants in Cohen correspond to both the personal computer used by the supporter in the hall and the portable information terminal used by the player outside of the hall in the present invention. Although there is a portable information terminal used by one player in Cohen and a personal computer used by another player in Cohen, there is no teaching of one player with the terminal communicating to exchange game information with the other player using the personal computer. Each player simply participates in a game as different game participants.

On the other hands, since the player in the present invention communicates to exchange game information with the supporter. Both the player and the supporter participate in a game as a team of game participants. The reason why the player and the supporter participate in the game as a team of game participants is that game information to be given to the player and the supporter will coordinate the player to move, the player needs to communicate game information with the supporter. However, Cohen does not disclose above element in the present invention, namely, each player does not need to move based on game information and to exchange the game information with each supporter.

In view of this point, the present information is different from Cohen.

B. Conclusion

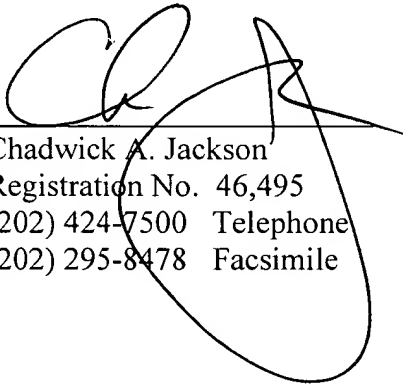
For the foregoing reasons, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested. If the Examiner has any questions about this Amendment and to facilitate prosecution, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned attorney. The Commissioner

is hereby authorized to charge any insufficient fees or credit any overpayment associated with this application to Deposit Account No. 19-5127 referencing 18920.0018.

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